



# St Mark's School Newsletter

Term 2 Week 10  
17 June 2020

Last Friday the whole school was excited to participate in our first Friday church service in many weeks. Revd Ben led us ably, as always, in a beautiful worship. It was wonderful to see so many parents and community members attending. So much so that we had to put out more chairs!

This week we have initiated some trial changes with our daily programme. Everything we do at school has the students at the centre and staff have shown great flexibility as we have responded to the varying demands of different Covid-19 alert levels. There is certainly a growing sense of normality and getting back to the business of teaching and learning.

This week we have farewelled Tim, our assigned Cyclone technician. His work in our St Mark's School Family has been invaluable throughout the time he has been working here. The words he shared with us on Monday about the strength of our school community were touching and appreciated.

In keeping with a set maintenance plan you may have noticed some painters at work on the exterior of Mōkihi. The Board of Trustees has committed to a programme of regular building maintenance and this new paint job is one phase of that.

Working in Waka Hourua last week I was blown away by an entire wall of incredible art work completed by our Year 6/7 students. A lot of persistence and creativity was needed to produce such an impressive display. Well done students from Karengo and Kahawai.



## Principal's Award

Joshua W in Year 3 showed amazing care and aroha for another student when he made a get well card (with a chocolate bar attached) for Theo S following his injury last term. Well done, Joshua!



In a contracted school year Revd Ben has worked hard to schedule three important dates where each Waka from St Mark's will be invited to join in worship with the parish:

- Waka Puhara - 2 August
- Mokiki - 13 September
- Waka Hourua - 22 November

## Walk with a Purpose

St Mark's is proud of the fundraising support we give to the Walk with a Purpose for the feeding programme at Rwenjaza Hillside School in Uganda - where children walk up to 10 km to and from school each day sometimes on an empty tummy.

We encourage all students to walk to school (where appropriate) on Thursday 25 June.

**Blessings, Adrian Rennie**



*Transforming lives through the St Mark's Story*

## Upcoming Events

|            |                              |
|------------|------------------------------|
| 25 June    | Walk with a Purpose          |
| 3 July     | End of Term Service - 2.15pm |
| 27 July    | Reports to Parents           |
| 28-30 July | Teacher/Parent Interviews    |

## 2020 Term Dates

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| Term 2 - Wednesday 29 April - Friday 3rd July.  |
| Term 3 - Monday 20 July - Friday 25 September   |
| Term 4 - Monday 12 October - Friday 11 December |
| Teacher only day - Tuesday 27 October           |

## Church Certificates

|            |             |
|------------|-------------|
| Pūtakitaki | Mila B      |
| Kōura      | Ella B      |
| Tuaki      | Leo G       |
| Karoro     | Jesse S     |
| Kāmana     | Autumn M    |
| Pingao     | Isabelle C  |
| Karengo    | Nathaniel B |
| Kahawai    | Harriet P   |
| Toroa      | Ayrton E    |

Phoebe was presented with the Richmond keas Softball team Tball under 9's player of the year. She is pictured here with her coach Murray.



## Coffee Cart

Get your coffee fix - Monday, Wednesday, Friday



The Coffee Cart is up and running again!

There is a discount for bringing your own cup!

See you on Friday!

## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop is open on Tuesday morning 8.30-9.20am and Thursday 2.30-3.20pm.



Subway can be ordered for lunch every **Tuesday**. To place an online order, visit [www.subway.co.nz/schools](http://www.subway.co.nz/schools) and follow the instructions to place your order by 9am each Subway day. Alternatively, envelopes are in the office and you can either pay with the correct cash or credit card.

## Painters working on Mōkihi



# P.A. NEWS

## PA News

A GREAT Response to the Chocolate FUNdraiser, even with a lock down getting in the way. THANKYOU to all whom participated. We would ask that if anyone has chocolates left that they feel they now can't sell to return these with any monies for those that you have sold. Currently we have 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the boxes issued not returned, we would ask all those that do have boxes and or monies to now drop these into the office.

Electronic payment is now preferred due to Level 2 restrictions.

- Account Number: 03-1598-0015833-000
- Account Name: St Mark's Parents Association
- Reference: (Student's Room Name)
- Code: 'Chocolates'
- Particulars: (Student's Surname)

The Playground ideas board was a hit with all parts of the school and we have some very, very good ideas from which to draw from. Currently a group of students are looking at other school's playgrounds and will help with input into what we have already learned.

The Entertainment Book is now available for purchase, this year being different with the books as they are a phone app instead of a printed book and they run from 12 months from the date of purchase, instead of June to June. And this year you can decide to purchase it as a local, regional or international app. There are a lot of great deals in this years so to get yours go to <https://www.entertainmentbook.co.nz/orderbooks/1341r76>

School Disco – A popular event with the students, both junior and senior, and although we have not been able to old one this term there will be a School Disco next term. Date to be Confirmed. 😊

Term 3 will see the PA organizing and hosting our Annual Family Fun Day – More details on this at the beginning of next term.

Next Week the PA and Student Leaders will be serving Hot Chocolate and Muffins on the junior school playground for everyone when they arrive to school after their 'Walk with a Purpose'. You will see us on the hard court outside Ōmoho.

The **St Mark's School Fair will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November.** Next term there will be a number of notices outlining the help and support we shall need from all of our community to help make sure that once again we have the 'Greatest Lil Fair' in town.

I look forward to seeing many of you next Thursday after your 'Walk with a Purpose'

**Gary Miller**

**Chairman, St Mark's P.A.**

# **Walk With a Purpose update**

We are getting excited about this years annual Fountain of Peace - Walk with a Purpose which will be taking place next Thursday the 25th of June. Thank you so much for those of you who have already been in touch to say you will be taking part.

Today your child should be coming home from school with a sign up sheet. If you would like to join the Walk with a Purpose, please complete this sheet and hand it back into the office as soon as possible so we can get people linked up with a walking bus from their area of town via messenger. Extra copies will be kept at St Mark's main entrance in case your child's copy is misplaced. There will also be a sponsorship form attached if you would like to use this as a form of fundraising. Grandparents may like to sponsor a certain amount per km walked!! (Last year we even had some grandparents join in the walk to school!)

We have also set up a Give a Little Page for you to share. To find this please go to -

<https://givealittle.co.nz/fundraiser/st-marks-school-walk-with-a-purpose-2020>



Here are some top tips to think about for your Walk with a Purpose -

- Children walking to school are able to walk in mufti and remain in mufti for the school day. Make sure they dress up warm with jacket, hat, gloves and possibly thermal underwear in preparation for a cold morning.
- Plan your walk so that you arrive to school by 8.30am.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult walking to school.
- If you live a long way from school you may consider driving some of the way then walking the rest.
- Make sure you pack extra food in children's lunch boxes as they might be extra hungry! Also children may need snacks and water to drink on their walk to school.
- Parents/caregivers need to make a plan with how they get home after their walk to school. Consider carpooling.
- If children don't want to carry a heavy bag, arrange for school bags to be dropped at school by a helpful adult.
- The wonderful parents association will be providing hot chocolates and a muffin for children arriving to school after their walk.
- It would be wonderful if you could join the 9 am school assembly to hear the Founder and Executive Director of Fountain of Peace, Jane Laurie speaking.
- Smile, knowing your fundraising efforts are making a difference in the lives of others.

Thank you so much to everyone for their incredible support for this special school event. We look forward to joining you on your walk next week!!



# ST MARKS

## July School Holidays 2020

Based at St Marks Primary School - School Gymnasium



7:30am-3pm Session – \$43.00

7:30am-6pm Session - \$50.00

8:30am-3pm Session - \$38.00

8:30am-6pm Session - \$45.00

\*trip fee's extra as advertised

### WHAT'S ON?



Monday 6th

Tuesday 7th

Wednesday 8th

Thursday 9th

Friday 10th



**Monster MASH**

From creepy baking to monster crafts, we will have a blast today

**Artful Antics**

Let's get messy and creative! We will be making a masterpiece

**Flip Out**

Don't forget your socks for today's \$15 Trip Day to Flip Out.

**MASH Bake Off**

Are you ready to get hands on and create some delicious treats?

**Freaky Friday**

Topsy-Turvy, inside out, spookiness- it's all things freaky today

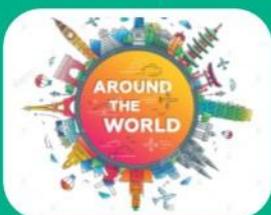
Monday 13th

Tuesday 14th

Wednesday 15th

Thursday 16th

Friday 17th



**Infinity & Beyond**

Stars, Sun and the Moon. Today will be as unique as the Universe

**Around the World**

It's all about different cultures, countries, & food today at MASH

**Antarctic Centre**

We're off to meet the penguins & huskies today. \$15 Trip fee.

**Where's Wally?**

It's all about the wonderful world of Where's Wally today!

**Kiwi Party!**

Kiwi Olympics and finishing off with a tasty treat.



Book online now to secure your spot!

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